

Docket No.: GEHRINGHOFF-8
Serial No.: 10/722,072

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW
CHANGES MADE**

Amend the following paragraph(s):

[0025] — The flanks 8', 9' extend in V-shaped relationship to define a flare angle α between which ranges from 25° and to 60°. The V-shaped alignment of the flanks 8', 9' ensures a defined deformation behavior. In the event of a crash from the side, the flanks 8', 9' can widen and the longitudinal beads 3, 4 are bent away from one another to the left and to the right, respectively, as viewed in the drawing plane. Impact energy is hereby substantially absorbed by the deformation of the side impact beam 2. Critical tension and elongation are decreased and the tendency of the side impact beam for cracks or buckling is greatly diminished.—.